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SUBJECT: THE FRUSTRATION OF THE FAR RIGHT

1. THE FAR RIGHT , THOUGH IT HAS ENJOYED SOME TACTICAL SUCCESSES, IS SHOWING, AT LEAST IN ITS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, A HARDENING OF ITS POSITIONS, PRESUMABLY IN FRUSTRATION AT ITS INABLILITY TO REALLY BLOCK REFORM INITIATIVES. JOSE ANTONIO GIRON'S VETERANS GROUP, BY REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR A DEMONSTRATION APRIL 4, THE SAME DAY VARIOUS LEFTIST HAD PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED A DEMONSTRATION FOR, GOT THE GOVT TO DENY PERMISSION FOR BOTH DEMONSTRATIONS. BUT THE FAR RIGHT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PREVENT NUMEROUS OTHER OPPOSITION MEETINGS, NOTABLY LAST WEEK'S CONGRESS

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OF THE UGT, THE FIRST TO BE HELD IN MADRID SINCE 1932. THE

PROCLAIMED MOOD IN THE FAR RIGHT PRESS IS ONE OF ASTONISHMENT THAT THE GOVT IS ALLOWING THE PRE-CIVIL WAR ERA--WITH POLITICAL PARTIES AND ALL--TO BE REPLAYED.

2. THE BLUNTEST COMPLAINTS FROM THE FRANCOIST FAR RIGHT HAVE COME IN "EL ALCARZAR," THE ORGAN OF GIRON'S VETERANS GROUP. UNIFORMLY, THESE COMPLAINTS, SOME SHOCKING, ARE COINED IN RESIGNED TERMS. FOR EXAMPLE, ON 8 APRIL, RAFAEL GARCIA SERRANO, A DAILY COLUMNIST, COMPARED THE ETA MURDER OF KIDNAP VICTIM ANGEL BERAZADI TO THE ASSASSINATION (BY GOVT ASSAULT GUARDS) OF CONSERVATIVE LEADER CALVO SOTELLO IN 1936--THAT ASSASSINATION WAS THE SPARK WHICH IGNITED THE CIVIL WAR. "THE HOUR HAS ARRIVED IN WHICH OUR ARMED FORCES MUST GUARANTEE SIMPLE EXISTENCE FOR SPAIN." BUT THIS CALL WAS FOLLOWED BY THE ADMISSION THAT HE, GARCIA SERRANO, KNEW THAT THERE WASN'T, DISGRACEFULLY, GOING TO BE A MILITARY INTERVENTION.

3. ALSO, LAST WEEK "EL ALCARZAR" EDITORIALY ACCUSED PSOE LEADER FELIPE GONZALES AND PCE LEADER SANTIAGO CARRILLO OF HAVING ENCOURAGED THE SAHARANS TO ATTACK THE SPANISH ARMY IN THE SAHARA IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A "PORTUGALIZATION" OF THE SPANISH ARMY. THE EDITORIAL SAID IT WAS NOT CONCERNED WITH CARRILLO SINCE EVERYONE KNEW THE PCE WAS FOREIGN, NOT SPANISH. THE CONCERN WAS WITH GONZALEZ AND THE SOCIALISTS. THE EDITORIAL EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT THAT, DESPITE THE GRAVITY OF THE ACCUSATION (MADE PREVIOUSLY IN "PUEBLO"), NO ONE HAD SEEN FIT TO ANSWER.

4. THE TENOR OF THE ULTRA-ULTRA-RIGHTEST MAGAZINE "FUERZA NUEVA" IS SIMPLY ONE OF CONTINUAL OUTRAGE. THE PRESENT SITUATION IN SPAIN IS SIMPLY CHAOS. SANTIAGO CARRILLO OUGHT TO BE TAKEN TO A CEMETERY AND SHOT IN THE NECK. LABOR UNION REFORM IS A SIMPLE MANEUVER TO DESTROY THE STATE BORN 1 APRIL 1939. DEMOCRACY IS EQUATED WITH ZIONISM, BOTH BEING CONDEMNED ON THE BASIS OF THE "PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION." REFORM IS COMPROMISE WITH TERRORISTS.

5. DIONISIO MARTIN SANZ, RECENTLY ELECTED SYNDICAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COUNCIL OF THE REALM, HAS, IN A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH "INFORMACIONES," DECLARED HIMSELF AGAINST SPAIN'S INTEGRATION INTO THE EC, AGAINST ANY LABOR UNION REFORM WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD ALTER THE PRESENT "SYNDICAL UNITY," AND FOR A CONTINUANCE OF THE SPIRIT OF JULY 18, 1936.

6. APRIL 23 AND 24, THE POLITICAL ASSOCIATION, "FRENTE NACIONAL ESPANOL," CONSIDERED WITHIN THE "REGIME RIGHT" AS THE TRUE REPRESENTATIVE OF FALANGISM, MET AND HEARD A KEYNOTE SPEECH BY ITS LEADER, RAIMUNDO FERNANDEZ CUESTA. THE SPEECH, READ IN HIS ABSENCE, STATED THAT THE POLITICAL RIGHT IN SPAIN WOULD REVOLVE

INTO A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TWO OPTIONS, THEIRS AND THAT OF THE COMMUNISTS, SINCE THE PRESENT SITUATION IS A "GALLOPING RETROGRESSION" TOWARDS A STATE OF AFFAIRS "WHICH WE HAD BELIEVED OVERCOME ONCE AND FOR ALL." REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THE RECENT CONGRESS OF THE UGT, THE SPEECH TERMED THE GOVT'S TOLERANCE OF IT, "SIMPLY INTOLERABLE AND ABSOLUTELY CRIMINAL."

7. THE ASSEMBLY APPROVED SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS: AMONG THEM, THE LEGITIMACY OF THE STATE RESTS ON THE RISING OF JULY 18, 1936 CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM MUST PROCEED WITHIN THE FUNDAMENTAL LAWS, POLITICAL PARTIES ARE ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE, THE UNIVERSITIES ARE BEING TURNED INTO MARXIST BASTIONS, THE PRESENT LAWS MUST BE STRINGENTLY ENFORCED, AND THE "FNE" PLEDGES ITS SUPPORT TO THE "ARMED FORCES, THE BACKBONE OF THE FATHERLAND."
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